

Default Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) Cheat Sheet

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Transit Agencies will report the age of all vehicles to the National Transit Database. FTA will track the performance of revenue vehicles (Rolling Stock) and service vehicles (Equipment), by asset class, by calculating the percentage of vehicles that have met or exceeded the useful life benchmark (ULB).

FTA has set a default ULB as the expected service years for each vehicle class in the table below. ULB is the average age-based equivalent of a 2.5 rating on the FTA Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) scale. Transit agencies can adjust their Useful Life Benchmarks with approval from FTA.

Vehicle Type	Default ULB (in years)
AB Articulated bus	14
AG Automated guideway vehicle	31
AO Automobile	8
BR Over-the-road bus	14
BU Bus	14
CC Cable car	112
CU Cutaway bus	10
DB Double decked bus	14
FB Ferryboat	42
HR Heavy rail passenger car	31
IP Inclined plane vehicle	56
LR Light rail vehicle	31
MB Minibus	10
MO Monorail vehicle	31
MV Minivan	8
Other rubber tire vehicles	14
RL Commuter rail locomotive	39
RP Commuter rail passenger coach	39
RS Commuter rail self-propelled passenger car	39
RT Rubber-tired vintage trolley	14
SB School bus	14
Steel wheel vehicles	25
SR Streetcar	31
SV Sport utility vehicle	8
TB Trolleybus	13
TR Aerial tramway	12
VN Van	8
VT Vintage trolley	58